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Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/EP03/05449 and for priority application EP 02077220. Except as being cited in the above-mentioned reports, the exact relevance of certain references is unknown.

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Also included is a copy of the Written Opinion and the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/EP03/05449.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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